

REMARKS

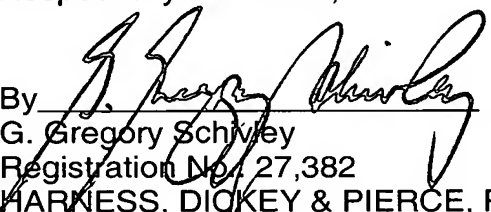
Claims 1 through 16 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, 13 and 15-16 have been amended. The claims have been amended to place the application in conformity with more traditional U.S. practice in order to expedite prosecution and to reduce filing costs. As such, the amendments should not be considered as narrowing the scope of protection sought by Applicant.

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 7347-000011/US/NP from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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